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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 June 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2, 7, 10 and 12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1, 3-6, 8-9, 11, 13-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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Response to Amendment

1. This Office Action is in response to the amendment filed 06/16/2005. Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 14 were amended. Claim 15 was added. Claims 2, 7, 10, and 12 were cancelled. Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 9, 11, and 13-15 are pending in this Office Action.

Claim Objections

Claim 11 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 11 is directed to a document data transmission device and presented as a dependent claim of claim 4, which is directed to a document data transmission system. For the purposes of this Office Action, the Examiner assumed that claim 11 is a dependent claim of claim 1, as all other device claims in the instant application. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 11, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the U.S. Patent 5,819,301 issued to Rowe et al. (hereinafter Rowe).

With respect to claim 1, Rowe teaches a document data transmission device comprising: storage means for storing plural documents including plural pages (Col. 25,

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lines 19-22 – storage of documents on server; col. 26, lines 36-37 – storage on server of a plurality of documents; col. 26, lines 7 – 9 – documents may contain plurality of pages); the storage means further storing plural summary data corresponding to the plural documents (Col. 11, line 45 and Fig. 2a – documents have a table of contents and bookmarks), each summary data including information showing which page contains what contents of information (Col. 3, lines 46-48 and lines 55-57 – page content information); page data transmission request receiving means for receiving a page data transmission request transmitted from a user terminal (Col. 25, lines 10-13, downloading (transmission) request receiving means) requesting to transmit specific page contained in a specific document selected among the plural documents stored in the storage means (Col. 25, lines 15 – 19 – “finder” performs the selection of the document); page data transmitting means for transmitting the specific page contained in the specific document to the user terminal, on the basis of the page data transmission request received by the page data transmission request receiving means (Col. 4, lines 9-12 – user can download a specific page of a document); summary data transmission request receiving means for receiving summary data transmission request transmitted from the user terminal, requesting to transmit a specific summary data selected among the plural summary data stored in the storage means (Col. 25, lines 25-29 – user requests to download a document and receives a header and a range table, containing summary information about the document); and summary data transmitting means for transmitting the specific summary to the user terminal, on the basis of the summary data transmission request received by the summary data transmission request receiving

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means, wherein the user terminal displays the specific summary data so that a user can select the specific page that includes contents of information of interest to the user (Fig. 10, step 224 – user requests a document. Step 226 – user receives document summary information. Based on the page information determined by the finder (step 230), user downloads a particular page of a document (step 234)).

With respect to claim 5, Rowe teaches a document data transmission reception system comprising: the document data transmission device according to claim 1; and a user terminal for transmitting a summary data transmission request requesting to transmit the specific summary data to the document data transmission device (Fig. 1, computer 10; Col. 9, lines 8-9) and receiving the specific summary data transmitted from the document data transmission device (Col. 25, lines 25-29 – user requests to download a document and receives a header and a range table, containing summary information about the document).

Claim 6 is rejected in view of the above rejection of claim 1, because claim 6 is essentially the same as claim 1, except that said claim 6 sets forth the invention as a document data transmission method rather than a document data transmission device, as does claim 1.

With respect to claim 11, Rowe teaches the document data transmission device of claim 1, wherein the ground-based network comprises the Internet (Col. 2, lines 4-17 – retrieval of documents over the Internet).

With respect to claim 13, Rowe teaches the document data transmission device of claim 1, wherein each page corresponds to at least one of data to be printed out on a

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single sheet of recording paper and data to be viewed on a single screen of a display (Col. 4, lines 9-12).

With respect to claim 14, Rowe teaches the document data transmission device of claim 1, wherein the page data includes at least one of text data and picture data (Col. 3, lines 55-57).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 3, 4, 8, 9 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rowe in view of the U.S. Patent 6,775,519 issued to Weideman et al., (hereinafter Weideman).

With respect to claim 3, Rowe teaches a document data transmission device according to claim 1.

Rowe does not explicitly teach a billing amount calculating means for calculating a billing amount charged to a transmission of the specific page and to a transmission of the summary data, on the basis of a unit price charged to a transmission of a unit data quantity of the specific page and a unit price charged to a transmission of a unit data quantity of the summary data.

Weideman, an analogous art, describes a system that allows a user to download content via bi-directional communications through a satellite network, and further describes a method and an apparatus a billing amount calculating means for calculating a billing amount charged to a transmission of the specific page and to a transmission of the summary data, on the basis of a unit price charged to a transmission of a unit data quantity of the specific page and a unit price charged to a transmission of a unit data quantity of the summary data. (Col. 11, lines 59-67 and col. 12, lines 1-7).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skills in the art at the time the invention was made to combine selective page download capabilities of Rowe with per page billing features of Weideman in order to provide an improved method and apparatus for accounting for system usage in a connectionless type of satellite communication system, to provide an improved method and apparatus for accounting for session-based system usage in a satellite communication system wherein users employ IP or other types of protocols, and to provide an improved method and

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apparatus for aggregating system usage data for billing system service providers (Weideman, col. 2, lines 16 – 27).

With respect to claim 4, Rowe teaches a document data transmission reception system comprising: the document data transmission device according to Claim 1; and further discloses a user terminal for transmitting a page data transmission request requesting to transmit the specific page to the document data transmission device through a ground-based network (Col. 2, lines 4-17 – retrieval of documents over the Internet) and receiving the specific page transmitted from the document data transmission device (Col. 4, lines 9-12 – user can download a specific page of a document).

Rowe does not explicitly teach that requested page is being downloaded through a satellite network.

Weideman teaches a satellite communications system comprising a user terminal (Col. 3, line 20) that receives data for transmitting a page data transmission request requesting to transmit the specific page data to the document data transmission device (Weideman, col. 3, lines 14 – 22), and receiving the specific page data transmitted from the document data transmission device through a satellite network (Fig. 1).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skills in the art at the time the invention was made to combine selective page download capabilities of Rowe and Weideman in order to enhance document receiving capabilities of Rowe by providing an additional path for receiving requested documents.

Claim 8 is rejected in view of the above rejection of claim 3, because claim 8 is essentially the same as claim 3, except that said claim 8 sets forth the invention as a document data transmission method rather than a document data transmission device, as does claim 3.

With respect to claim 9, Rowe teaches a document data transmission system comprising: storage means for storing plural documents including one or plural pages (Col. 25, lines 19-22 – storage of documents on server; col. 26, lines 36-37 – storage on server of a plurality of documents; col. 26, lines 7 – 9 – documents may contain plurality of pages) and plural summary data including contents information of each of the plural document data pieces (Col. 11, line 45 and Fig. 2a – documents have a table of contents and bookmarks), a user terminal for transmitting a page data transmission request (Fig. 1, computer 10; Col. 9, lines 8-9) requesting to transmit the specific page to the document data transmission device through a ground-based network (Col. 4, lines 9-12 – user can request a specific page of a document. Col. 2, lines 4-17 – request of documents over the Internet), page data transmission request receiving means for receiving a page data transmission request transmitted from a user terminal (process illustrated on Fig. 10), requesting to transmit specific page data contained in specific document data selected among the plural document data pieces stored in the storage means, page data transmitting means for transmitting the specific page data contained in the specific document data to the user terminal, on the basis of the page data transmission request received by the page data transmission request receiving means

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(Col. 25, lines 15 – 19 – “finder” performs the selection of the document; col. 7, lines 23-27 – selection of a specific page).

Rowe does not explicitly teach that requested page is being downloaded to the user’s terminal through a satellite network.

Weideman teaches a satellite communications system comprising a user terminal (Col. 3, line 20) that receives data for transmitting a page data transmission request requesting to transmit the specific page data to the document data transmission device (Weideman, col. 3, lines 14 – 22), and receiving the specific page data transmitted from the document data transmission device through a satellite network (Fig. 1).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skills in the art at the time the invention was made to combine selective page download capabilities of Rowe and Weideman in order to enhance document receiving capabilities of Rowe by providing an additional path for receiving requested documents.

With respect to claim 15, Rowe teaches a document data transmission system of claim 9, further comprising: summary data transmission request receiving means for receiving a summary data transmission request transmitted from the user terminal; requesting to transmit specific summary data selected among the plural summary data pieces stored in the storage means (Fig. 10, step 224 – user requests a particular document), and summary data transmitting means for transmitting the specific summary data to the user terminal, on the basis of the summary data transmission request

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received by the summary data transmission request receiving means (See Fig. 10, step 226 – user receives document summary information).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-6, 8, 9, 11, and 13-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection, necessitated by the Applicant's amendment.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vitali Korobov whose telephone number is 571-272-7506. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Friday 8a.m. - 4:30p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571)272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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